

Simpson Miller made honorary Rotarian

PRIME MINISTER Portia Simpson Miller was yesterday made an honorary Paul Harris fellow by the Rotary Club of Kingston.

The event took place at the service club's weekly luncheon at The Knutsford Court Hotel in St Andrew.

Recognised for her outstanding achievements in politics and public service, Simpson Miller was officially named a member of the Rotary Club after being given its highest honour, commemorated with a certificate, lapel pin and medallion.

The Paul Harris Fellowship was established by the Rotary International in 1957 in honour of its founder, who started the club in 1905. It is awarded to persons who have made substantial contribution towards humanitarian causes.

In accepting the honour, Simpson Miller charged the gathering to recognise the outstanding achievements of the nation over the last 50 years and to start the next 50 years on a positive note.

"I will admit that there are many things that we need to fix about Jamaica. Most of all, we need to grow our economy so that we can address all the social needs of our

people," said Simpson Miller.

"These are challenging days for most of the nations in the world. We have to be conscious of these challenges and work relentlessly to mitigate the impact, but we cannot dwell on the negative and frustrate ourselves," the prime minister added.

She said despite the many gaps to fill, it is not true that Jamaica has not advanced over the past 50 years. She pointed to improvements in education, training, improved standard of living, modernised infrastructure, sports, culture, the transportation system and tourism.

The prime minister said she looked forward to partnering with the service clubs for the growth of the nation.



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